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**HORNSEA URBAN DISTRICT**



**ANNUAL REPORT**

**of the**

**Medical Officer of Health**

**for the year 1962**



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HEALTH     COMMITTEE     1962-63

|                |                                 |
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HORNSEA      URBAN      DISTRICT      COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1962

To the Chairman and Members of the Hornsea Urban District Council.

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Health Services of Hornsea Urban District for 1962.

STATISTICAL MEMORANDA

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Area of the Urban District, including inland water | 3292 acres |
| Population (estimated mid-1962)                    | 5880       |
| Number of inhabited houses                         | 2235       |
| Rateable value                                     | £79,392    |
| Sum represented by a penny rate                    | £318       |
| Total number of births                             | 101        |
| Birth rate   | 18.04      |
| Total number of deaths                             | 87         |
| Death rate   | 11.84      |
| Deaths of infants under one year of age            | -          |
| Infant Mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)      | 0.00       |
| Number of illegitimate births                      | 7          |
| Still birth rate (per 1,000 total births)          | 0.00       |

WATER SUPPLY

Water is supplied in bulk from Hull Corporation, and distributed by the Council. The consumption during 1962 was 87,233,000 gallons, an amount equivalent to 40.65 gallons per head of the population per day.

Approximately 3,280 feet of water main was laid to serve new housing development. Routine samples of water from a number of points in the area have been sent for bacteriological examination, and in every case except one, the samples have proved to be of a satisfactory quality. In the case of the unsatisfactory sample, further samples from the same source did not reveal any contamination of the water supply, and it was concluded that the result may have been caused by some impurity on the tap or sampling bottle. The quantity of water supplied has been adequate during the year. As far as is known, all houses except one can obtain water from a piped supply; water is supplied to the caravan and camping sites in the District by means of stand pipes.

Negotiations for the re-grouping of water undertakings in the East Riding area have continued with a view to transferring the responsibility of water supply to the Hull Corporation Water Undertaking.

There are no Public Swimming Baths in the District.



### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Sewage is discharged by gravity without treatment into the sea. The surcharging of certain sewers occurs when heavy rain coincides with high tides. During the past twelve months 1,090 feet of new sewers have been constructed by private developers to serve new housing sites. Following a report from their Consulting Engineer in September, 1960, on the repairs necessary to the existing sewer outfall, and a further report in 1961 on the sewerage system and the disposal of sewage from the Urban District, consideration is now being given to the preliminary investigations and site tests necessary to enable the most suitable and economic scheme to be selected.

### FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

Details of inspections carried out under the Factories Acts are shown on Page 11 of this report. No defects were found in the sanitary conveniences of these factories. There is one outworker employed in the District. Further extensions have been constructed at the premises of the Hornsea Pottery Co. Ltd., who now employ a labour force of over 100 persons.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE

There were no important outbreaks of infectious disease in Hornsea.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee and all Officials for their co-operation and help during the year.

I am,  
Your obedient servant,

Wm. FERGUSON

Medical Officer of Health





VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1962 AND THE TWO PREVIOUS YEARS

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Estimated<br/>Population</u> | <u>Live birth rate per<br/>1,000 population</u> | <u>Still birth rate per<br/>1,000 total births</u> | <u>Death rate per<br/>1,000 population</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1962        | 5,880                           | 18.04   | 0.00   | 11.84                                      |
| 1961        | 5,750                           | 14.94   | 73.17  | 11.48                                      |
| 1960        | 5,760                           | 13.4  | 13.0   | 16.3                                       |

|                  | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| LIVE BIRTHS      |              |                |              |
| Legitimate       | 51           | 43             | 94           |
| Illegitimate     | 5            | 2              | 7            |
| STILL BIRTHS     | -            | -              | -            |
| DEATHS           | -            | -              | -            |
| INFANT MORTALITY | -            | -              | -            |

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1962

| <u>Causes of Death</u>                   | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Malignant neoplasm of stomach            | 1            | -              | 1            |
| Malignant neoplasm of lung or bronchus   | 3            | 2              | 5            |
| Malignant neoplasm of breast             | -            | 3              | 3            |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms  | 5            | 2              | 7            |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system       | 8            | 7              | 15           |
| Coronary disease                         | 13           | 5              | 18           |
| Other heart diseases                     | 4            | 4              | 8            |
| Other circulatory diseases               | 4            | 4              | 8            |
| Pneumonia                                | 4            | 2              | 6            |
| Bronchitis                               | 3            | 1              | 4            |
| Other diseases of the respiratory system | 1            | -              | 1            |
| Nephritis and nephrosis                  | 1            | -              | 1            |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases   | 1            | 4              | 5            |
| Motor vehicle accidents                  | 1            | -              | 1            |
| All other accidents                      | -            | 3              | 3            |
| Suicide                                  | -            | 1              | 1            |
|  | <u>49</u>    | <u>38</u>      | <u>87</u>    |



AGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS

|                                |   |    |
|--------------------------------|---|----|
| Under 1 year of age            | - | -  |
| Between 1 and 5 years of age   | - | -  |
| Between 6 and 15 years of age  | - | -  |
| Between 16 and 25 years of age | - | -  |
| Between 26 and 45 years of age | - | 3  |
| Between 46 and 65 years of age | - | 14 |
| 66 years of age and over       | - | 70 |

|       |           |
|-------|-----------|
| TOTAL | <u>87</u> |
|-------|-----------|

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

During 1962 no cases of infectious disease were notified.

Attack rate of Measles, Whooping Cough, Scarlet Fever,  
and Influenzal Pneumonia (per 1,000 Home Population)

| <u>Disease</u>       | <u>1960</u> | <u>1961</u> | <u>1962</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Measles              | 0.00        | 0.87        | 0.00        |
| Whooping Cough       | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        |
| Scarlet Fever        | 0.17        | 0.17        | 0.00        |
| Influenzal Pneumonia | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        |

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the additions to and removals from the register during the year:-

|   | <u>Males</u> |                 | <u>Females</u> |                 | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
|   | <u>Pul.</u>  | <u>Non-Pul.</u> | <u>Pul.</u>    | <u>Non-Pul.</u> |              |
| No. of cases on register at<br>31st December, 1961.                   | 7            | -               | 13             | -               | 20           |
| Cases added to the register:-   |              |                 |                |                 |              |
| (a) Notified for the first time                                       | -            | -               | -              | -               | -            |
| (b) Brought to notice otherwise<br>than by formal notification        | 1            | -               | 1              | -               | 2            |
| Removed from register on account of<br>death, change of address, etc. | -            | -               | 1              | -               | 1            |
| No. of cases remaining on register<br>at 31st December, 1962.         | 8            | -               | 13             | -               | 21           |



## IMMUNISATIONS

During the year 1962, the number of children immunised was as follows:-

|  | <u>0 - 5 years</u> | <u>5 - 15 years</u> | <u>Boosters</u> |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Diphtheria only                        | -                  | 1                   | 41              |
| Diphtheria and Whooping Cough          | -                  | -                   | -               |
| Whooping Cough only                    | -                  | 1                   | -               |
| Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus | 37                 | -                   | 8               |
| Tetanus only                           | 1                  | 3                   | -               |
| Diphtheria and Tetanus                 | 2                  | 9                   | 1               |

## VACCINATIONS

The number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated was as follows:-

|                      | <u>Under 1</u> | <u>1 - 4</u> | <u>5 - 14</u> | <u>15 &amp; over</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Number vaccinated    | 67             | 29           | 44            | 86                   | 226          |
| Number re-vaccinated | -              | 2            | 1             | 25                   | 28           |

## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

### CHILD WELFARE CLINIC

A Child Welfare Clinic was held weekly at the Catholic Church Hall. The Clinic was well attended by mothers and children from the district.

The number of children who attended the Clinic and the total number of attendances made by them during the year were as follows:-

Number of children who attended during the year and those who were born in:-

| <u>1962</u> | <u>1961</u> | <u>1957-60</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Attendances</u><br><u>Average per session</u> |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|--|
| 95          | 79          | 95             | 1,690        | 36   |



GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Bacteriological and biological examinations of milk, water and ice-cream are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Hull.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The conveyance of all cases (including infectious disease) is the responsibility of the County Council as the Local Health Authority.

CLINICS

Tuberculosis - A chest clinic is held monthly at the Cottage Hospital, Hornsea.

Venereal Disease - A clinic is held daily at the Clinic, Mill Street, Hull.

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RAINFALL

The total rainfall for the year was 22.60 inches compared with an average of 24.09 inches over the past ten years.

Rain fell on 177 days (191 days in 1961), August being the wettest month with 4.48 inches, and October the driest with 0.39 inch.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The disposal of refuse, particularly during the summer months, continues to present some difficulty owing to the limited capacity of the incinerator.

A detailed report prepared by the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector on the present and future requirements for refuse disposal was considered during the year, and it was decided to seek a site within a reasonable distance of the town for use as a controlled refuse tip.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

|   | <u>Inspections</u> |
|---|--------------------|
| Drainage Works .....                          | 189                |
| Dwelling-houses .....                         | 185                |
| Food Premises (including slaughterhouses) ... | 595                |
| Moveable Dwellings .....                      | 18                 |
| Rodent Control .....                          | 160                |
| Water Supplies .....                          | 41                 |
| Infectious Diseases .....                     | 6                  |
| Paddling Pool .....                           | 35                 |
| Public Conveniences .....                     | 30                 |







## CAMPING SITES

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Number of sites in the area used for camping purposes .....   | 11   |
| Number of camping sites in respect of which licences have been issued by the Local Authority .....  | 9    |
| Estimated number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer months .....         | 2800 |
| Estimated number of caravans, sheds, etc., which were used as permanent dwellings in the area ..... | 26   |

The question of the comprehensive re-development of the privately owned caravan sites had not been finally resolved - the suggestion being that, by amalgamating the smaller sites, it would be possible for a better layout and amenities to be provided. Some substandard dwellings on several sites have been moved, but a great deal of work remains to be done before sites will be up to the standard recommended in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

## MEAT INSPECTION

Two slaughterhouses are in operation in the town. Almost all the meat from animals slaughtered at one of the slaughterhouses is for consumption outside the district, and inspections at these premises accounts for the major part of work carried out on meat inspection.

The Government continues to pay a grant towards the cost of inspecting meat for consumption outside the district.

The following is a summary of the inspection of the animals slaughtered for human consumption:-

|                | Cattle<br>exc. Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep and<br>Lambs | Pigs  |
|----------------|---------------------|------|--------|--------------------|-------|
| No. reported ) | 140                 | 9    | 11     | 1,249              | 7,010 |
| No. inspected) |                     |      |        |                    |       |

All diseases except T.B.  
& Cysticercus Bovis.

|                           |   |   |   |   |    |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| Whole carcasses condemned | 1 | - | 1 | 5 | 22 |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|

|  |    |   |   |   |       |
|--|----|---|---|---|-------|
| Carcasses of which part<br>or organ is condemned | 10 | 1 | - | 6 | 1,096 |
|--|----|---|---|---|-------|

T.B.

|                           |   |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | - | - | - |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|

|  |   |   |   |   |     |
|--|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Carcasses of which part<br>or organ is condemned | - | - | - | - | 320 |
|--|---|---|---|---|-----|

|                   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cysticercus Bovis | - | - | - | - | - |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|

Total number inspected - 8,419



FOOD PREMISES

It has been found on inspection that a good standard has been maintained in the majority of food premises.

During the year the following inspections have been made:-

|                                   | <u>No. in District</u> | <u>No. of Inspections</u> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| (1) Bakehouses .....              | 7                      | 9                         |
| Butchers .....                    | 8                      | 66                        |
| Cafes, Restaurants & Kiosks ..... | 35                     | 53                        |
| Fish Shops, Wet and Fried .....   | 6                      | 15                        |
| Grocers .....                     | 23                     | 49                        |
| Licensed Premises .....           | 10                     | 17                        |
| Sweets .....                      | 10                     | 14                        |
| Slaughterhouses .....             | 2                      | 382                       |

(2) No. of food premises registered under Section 16, Foods and Drugs Act, 1955.

The sale, or the manufacture for the purposes of sale, of ice-cream, or the storage of ice-cream intended for sale ..... 38

The preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pickled, pressed or preserved food intended for sale ..... 0

(3) No. of inspections of registered food premises ..... 116



## RODENT CONTROL

During the year, 30 premises have been treated for rats. Details of treatments and the visits made for this purpose are given below:-

|   | <u>No. Treated</u> | <u>Visits Made</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Council Premises (not including Council Houses) ..... | 6                  | 37                 |
| Dwelling-houses (including Council Houses).           | 18                 | 96                 |
| Business Premises (not owned by the Council)          | 6                  | 27                 |

A comprehensive rodent control treatment was completed on the sewerage system during the year, and very satisfactory results were obtained.

## HOUSING

### 1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..... 15
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..... 28
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation ..... 1
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ..... 4

### 2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers .. 8

### 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year

#### (a) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ..... 0
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
  - (a) By owners ..... 0
  - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..... 0

#### (b) Proceedings under Sections 16, 23 and 42 of the Housing Act, 1957.

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..... 1
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ..... 0
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses included in Clearance Areas ..... 0
- (4) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Clearance Area ..... 0





FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

| Premises<br>(1)  | Number<br>on<br>Register<br>(2) | Number of          |                           |                                |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
|  |                                 | Inspections<br>(3) | Written<br>notices<br>(4) | Occupiers<br>prosecuted<br>(5) |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .....               | 2                               | 6                  | NIL                       | NIL                            |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .....               | 25                              | 48                 | NIL                       | NIL                            |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) | 8                               | 11                 | NIL                       | NIL                            |
| Total .....  | 35                              | 65                 | NIL                       | NIL                            |

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

| Particulars<br>(1)                   | Number of cases in which defects were found |                 |   |                             | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted<br>(6) |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|--|
|                                      | Found<br>(2)                                | Remedied<br>(3) | Referred<br>To H.M.<br>Inspector<br>(4) | By H.M.<br>Inspector<br>(5) |  |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1)            | None  |                 | None                                    | None                        | None   |
| Overcrowding (S.2) .....             | None  |                 | None                                    | None                        | None   |
| Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..... | None  |                 | None                                    | None                        | None   |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4) .....   | None  |                 | None                                    | None                        | None   |





| Particulars  | Number of cases in which defects<br>were found |          |                      |                      | Number of<br>cases in which<br>prosecutions<br>were instituted |
|--|--|----------|----------------------|----------------------|--|
|  | Found  | Remedied | Referred             |                      |  |
|  |  |          | To H.M.<br>Inspector | By H.M.<br>Inspector |  |
| (1)  | (2)  | (3)      | (4)                  | (5)                  | (6)  |
| Ineffective drainage of<br>floors (S.6)  | Nil  | Nil      | Nil                  | Nil                  | Nil  |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)  |  |          |                      |                      |  |
| (a) Insufficient   | Nil  | Nil      | Nil                  | Nil                  | Nil  |
| (b) Unsuitable or<br>Defective   | 1  | 1        | Nil                  | Nil                  | Nil  |
| (c) Not separate for<br>sexes  | Nil  | Nil      | Nil                  | Nil                  | Nil  |
| Other offences against<br>the Act (not including<br>offences relating to<br>outwork) | 2  | 2        | Nil                  | Nil                  | Nil  |
| Total  | 3  | 3        | Nil                  | Nil                  | Nil  |

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

| Nature<br>of<br>Work<br>(1)      | Section 110  |  |  |  | Section 111       |                   |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                  | No. of<br>outworkers<br>in August<br>list<br>required by<br>Section 110<br>(1) (c) | No. of<br>cases of<br>default<br>in sending<br>lists to<br>the Council | No. of<br>prosecutions<br>for<br>failure<br>to supply<br>lists | No. of<br>instances<br>of work in<br>unwholesome<br>premises | Notices<br>served | Prose-<br>cutions |
|                                  | (2)  | (3)  | (4)  | (5)  | (6)               | (7)               |
| Wearing) Making<br>Apparel) etc. |  |  |  |  |                   |                   |
| ) Cleaning                       | 1  | Nil  | Nil  | Nil  | Nil               | Nil               |
| ) and                            |  |  |  |  |                   |                   |
| ) washing                        |  |  |  |  |                   |                   |





